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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 11130.2A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: AIRFIELD CERTIFICATING

Ref: (a) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Aviation  
Regulation (FAR) Part 139  
(b) NAVAIR 00-80R-14 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To provide basic guidelines for certificating of Navy and Marine Corps air stations serving civil air carriers in the United States, its territories, and possessions of the United States.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 11130.2.

3. Background. Reference (a) prescribes rules governing the certification of airports, and requires certification of all land airports in the United States, its territories, and possessions serving civil air carriers. Exceptions to the certification requirement are: (a) emergencies, (b) weather alternates, and (c) air taxi operations. (R)

4. Discussion

a. By Department of Defense (DOD)/FAA agreement, reference (a) does not apply to military airfields whose only service by civil air carriers is in the performance of contract work exclusively for the military. The requirement for certification does apply to joint civil/military use airfields and those installations with charter air carrier operations not exclusively for the military. Charter air carrier operations not considered contract work exclusively for the military are those involving commercially ticketed passengers, such as earlybird flights, DOD dependents charters, Christmas or post-deployment leave charters, and similar flights where the passengers pay charter cost, either directly or indirectly. Accordingly, military airfields with non-military operations must be certificated prior to commencement of such operations. (R)

b. The FAA has issued to DOD a grant of exemption from FAR Part 139 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the issuance of Airport Operating Certificates for those DOD airports equipped and operated following applicable DOD standards and procedures, and which serve or expect to serve air carrier operations of the type requiring airport certification under Part 139 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

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(1) The DOD shall verify annually to the Director of the Office of Airport Standards that DOD airports certificated under this exemption are equipped and operating under DOD standards and procedures;

(2) The DOD shall advise the Director of the Office of Airport Standards of any change or amendment to DOD directives relating to airport equipment or operation, and shall furnish the Director of the Office of Airport Standards with a copy of any such change or amendment;

(3) The DOD shall ensure that the civil tenants on airports certificated under this exemption comply with applicable DOD directives;

(4) The DOD shall make all applications for Airport Operating Certificates under this exemption to the Director of the Office of Airport Standards.

5. Action

a. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) will coordinate with the FAA all those matters relating to certificating of Navy and Marine Corps air stations.

R) b. Installations requesting an initial certification shall notify CNO, via the chain of command, that they are in compliance with applicable DOD directives and maintain the firefighting/rescue capabilities specified in reference (b). The request shall be submitted to arrive at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Op-554) no later than 30 days prior to required certification date.

R) c. Installations requesting renewal of a current certificate shall submit their verification of compliance to CNO (Op-554) prior to 1 May of each year.


R) d. CNO and Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (COMNAVAIR-SYSCOM) shall be notified by message of any reduction to firefighting and rescue capability below the levels established by reference (b).

e. Installations entering into joint civil and military use or operating agreements shall ensure that the agreements include:

R) (1) Procedures to assure that civil tenants comply with DOD directives relating to airfield operations and with applicable sections of FAR Part 139.

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(2) Provisions to ensure that civil operators bear additional expense generated by civil operations.

  
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